

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-23, 55 and 56 are currently pending in the instant case. Applicants are appealing the final decision rendered by the Office on May 5, 2003, in which all claims were rejected. The accompanying Appeal Brief addresses every ground of rejection except for the rejection of claims 55 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment, as it will obviate the subject written description rejection and place the pending claims in better condition for appeal.


Conclusion:

Upon entry of this Amendment, all outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph will be obviated. Applicants respectfully request such entry, as it will simplify the concurrent appeal.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the present application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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